



An Act Declaring and Constituting the People  
of *England* to be a Commonwealth and Free-State.

**B**E it Declared and Enacted by this  
present Parliament, and by the Au-  
thority of the same, That the Peo-  
ple of England, and of all the Do-  
minions and Territories thereun-  
to belonging, are and shall be, and  
are hereby Constituted, Made, Established and  
Confirmed to be a Commonwealth and Free-  
State: And shall from henceforth be Governed  
as a Commonwealth and Free-State, by the  
Supreme Authority of this Nation, The Re-  
presentatives of the People in Parliament, and  
by such as they shall appoint and constitute as  
Officers and Ministers under them for the good  
of the People, and that without any King or  
House of Lords.

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*Die Sabbathi, 19 Maii, 1649.*

**O**Rdered by the *Commons* assembled in Parliament, That this  
Act be forthwith printed and published:

*Hen: Scobel, Cleric. Parliamenti.*